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In re Patent Application of:

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For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE THAT  
CONTAINS AN ACTIVE ADDITIVE  
AND USE OF A VISUAL INDICATOR  
IN AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The following references were cited on page 1 in the specification of the above-identified application:

WO 97/46188;

WO 97/46190;

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WO 97/46195;

WO 97/46196;

SE 9804390-4, now Swedish patent 513261, a copy of the Swedish patent is enclosed;

SE 9804360-7, now Swedish patent 513375, a copy of the Swedish patent is enclosed;

U.S. Patent 4,583,980;

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SE 9703669-3, which corresponds to WO 99/17813, a copy of the WIPO document is enclosed;

SE 9502588-8, which corresponds to WO 97/02846, a copy of the WIPO document is enclosed;

WO 92/13577;

SE 9801951-6, which corresponds to WO 99/45099, a copy of the WIPO document is enclosed; and

SE 9902207-1, which corresponds to WO 00/76558, a copy of the WIPO document is enclosed.


The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing and before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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